

REMARKS

At the outset, the undersigned notes with appreciation the courtesies extended by the Examiner throughout the personal interview conducted on November 1, 2005. During the interview, the undersigned and the Examiner discussed the pending rejections of independent claims 1 and 15, and possible amendments to place the application in condition for allowance. In particular, the undersigned and the Examiner reached an agreement that claims 1 and 15, as presently amended herein, would overcome all pending rejections and place the application in condition for allowance over the art of record.

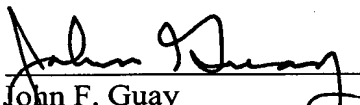
Accordingly, claims 1 and 15 are now considered allowable.

Claims 2-9 and 16-23 depend from one of allowable claims 1 and 15 and hence are also considered allowable. Newly added claims 24 and 25 also depend from one of claims 1 and 15, and are therefore also considered allowable.

As all objections and rejections raised in the Office Action have been addressed, this application is in condition for immediate allowance, and prompt notification of the same is earnestly sought.

Respectfully submitted,

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